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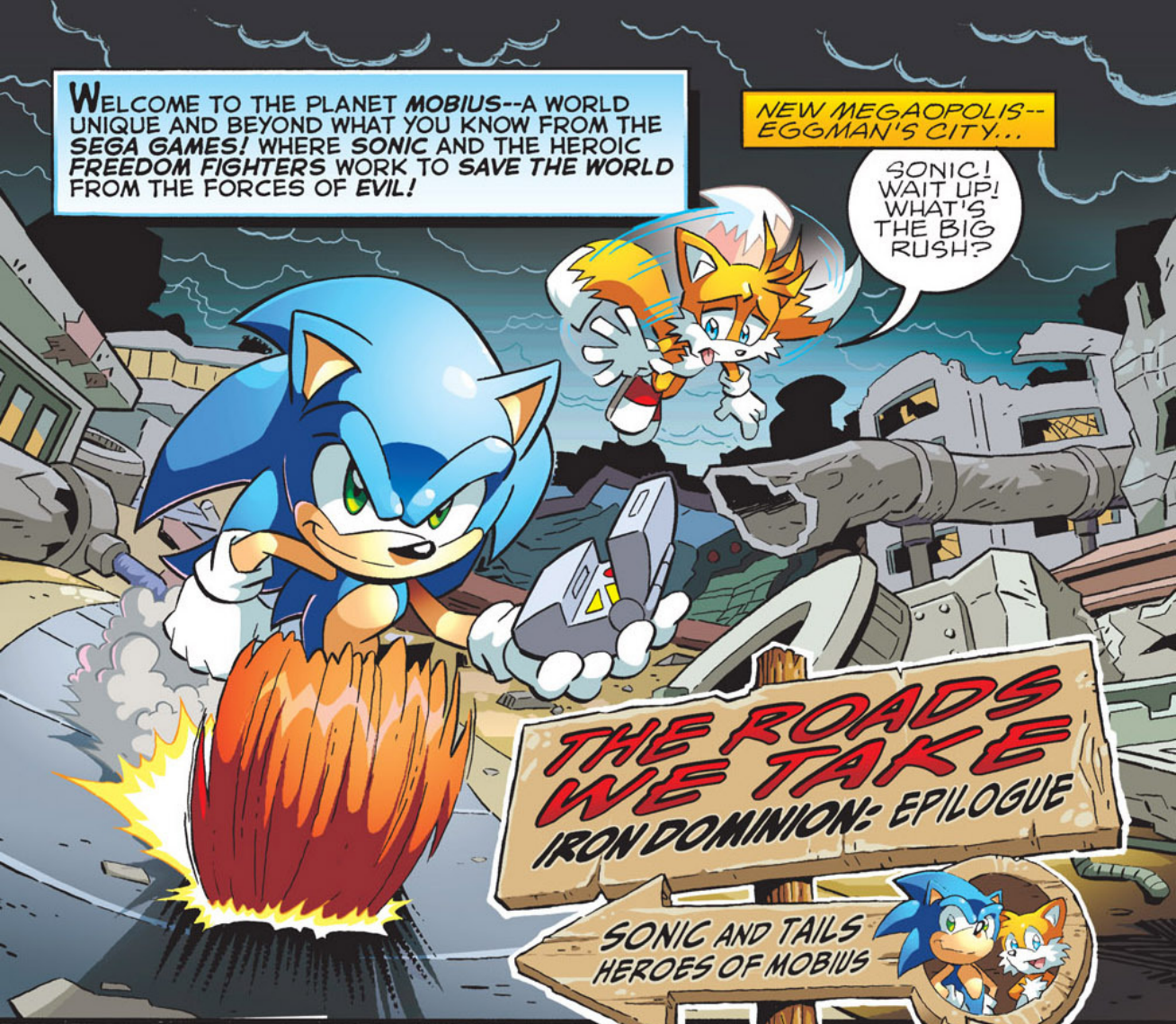
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SONIC! WAIT UP! WHAT'S THE BIG RUSH?
THE ROADS WE TAKE
IRON DOMINION: EPILOGUE

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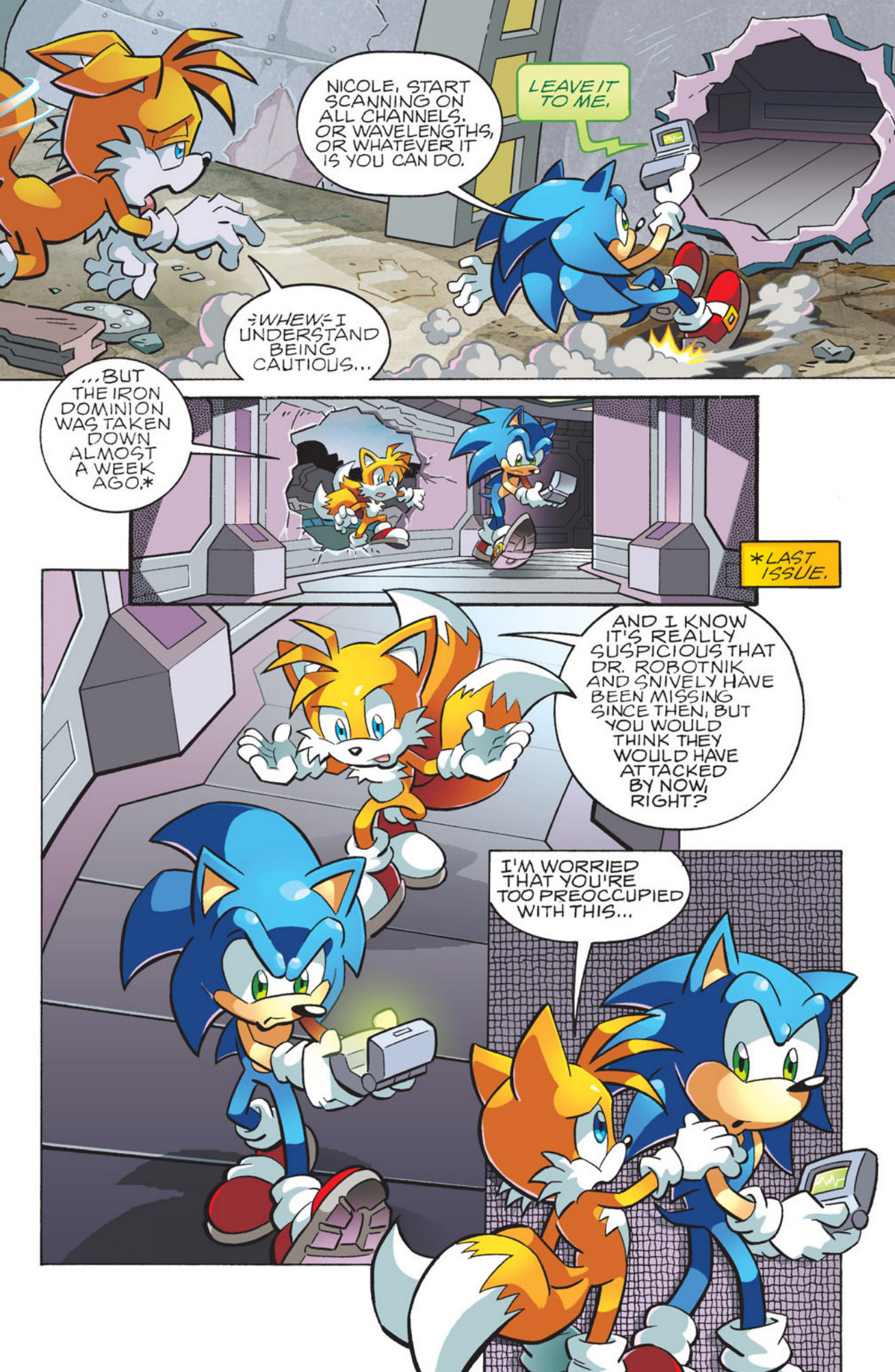
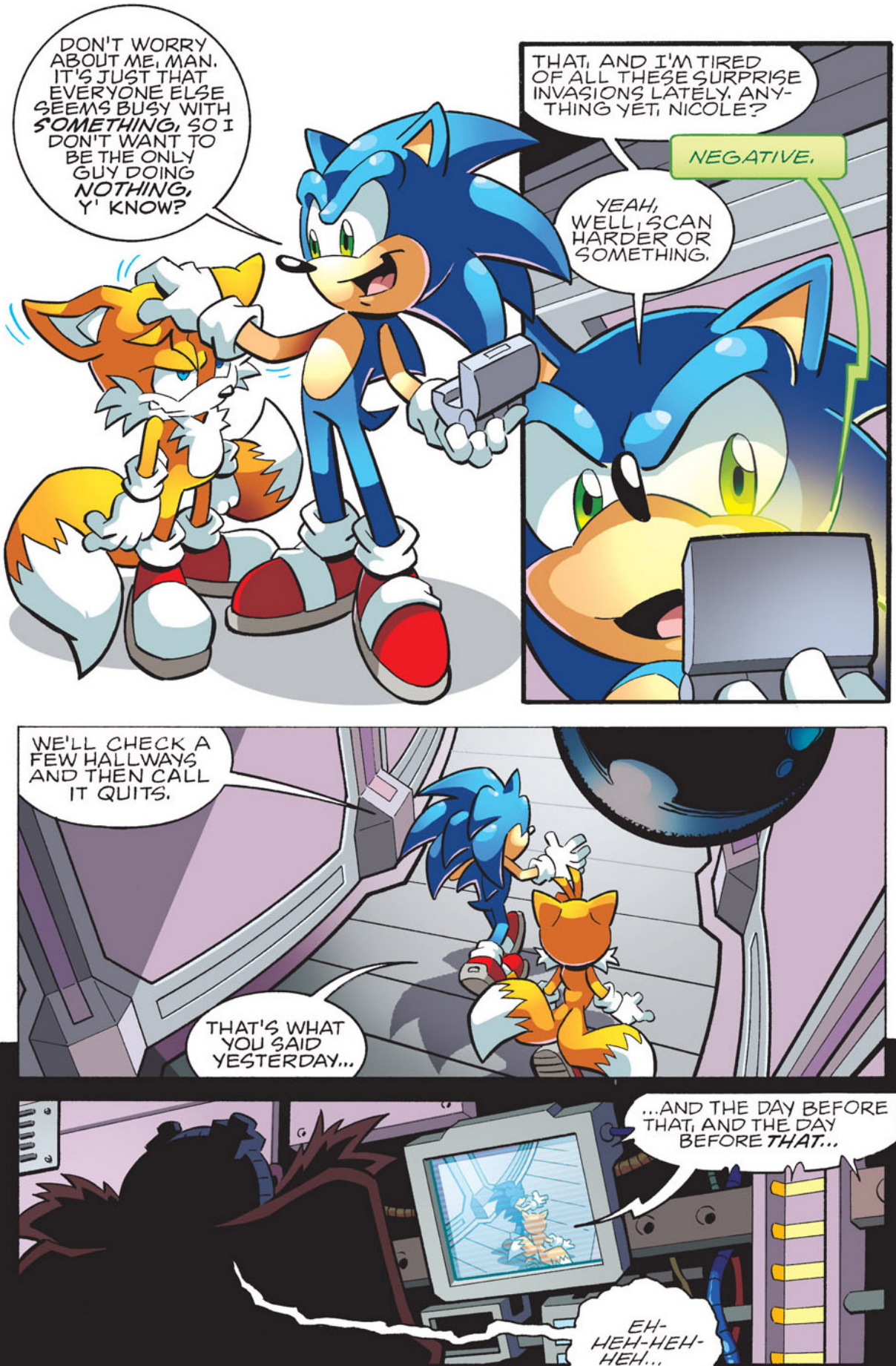
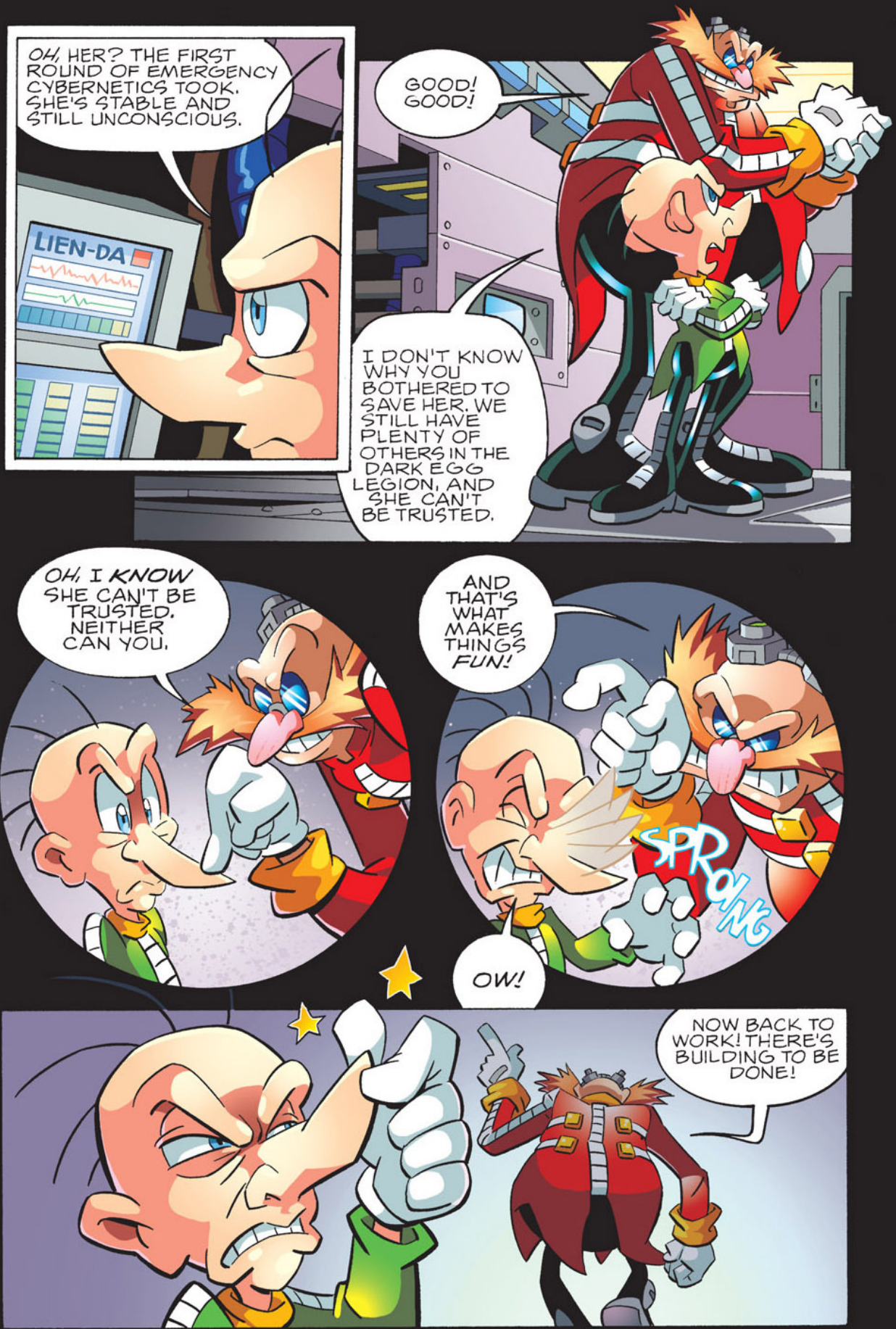
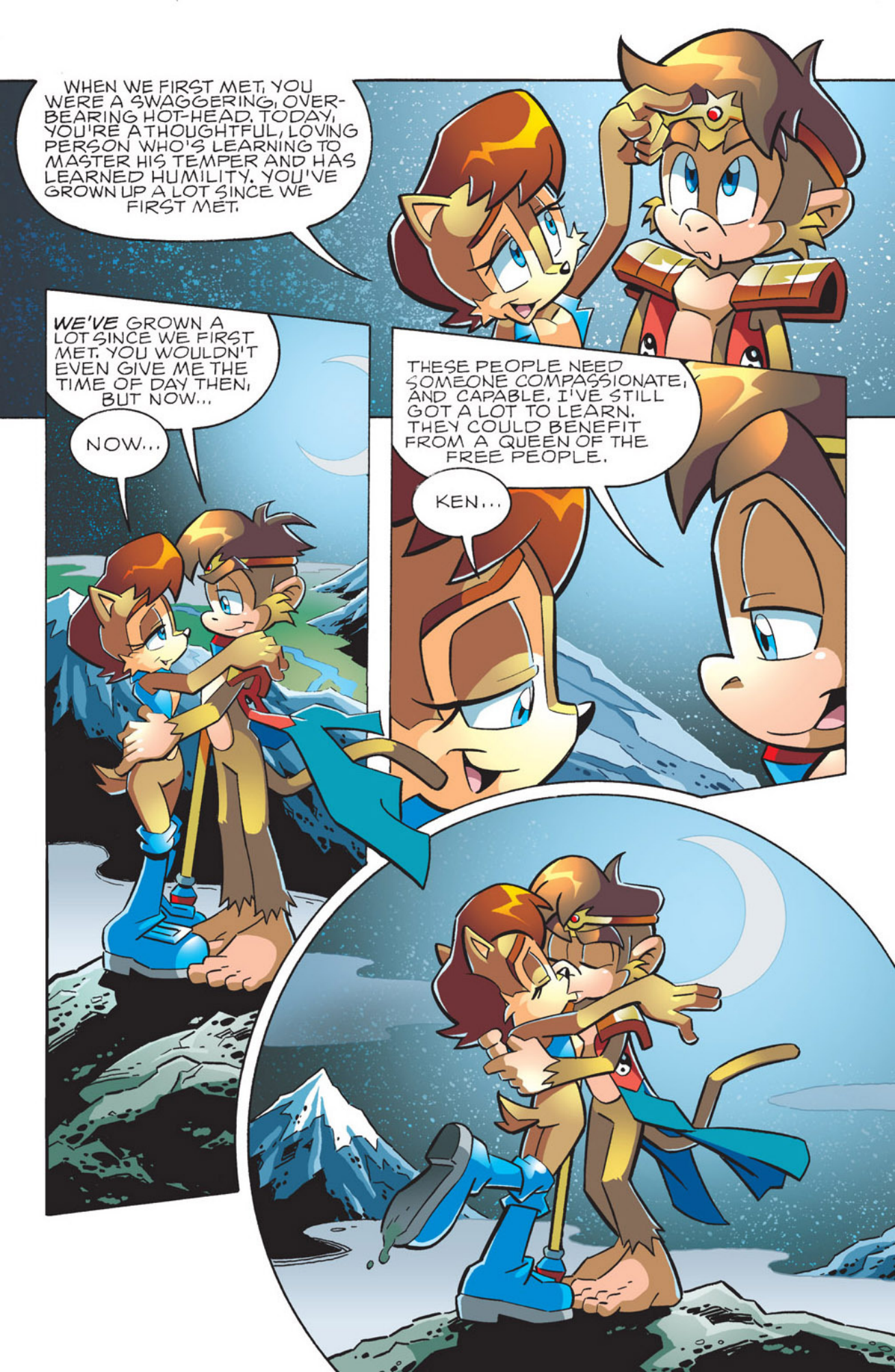

NICOLE, START SCANNING ON ALL CHANNELS. OR WAVELENGTHS, OR WHATEVER IT IS YOU CAN DO.
LEAVE IT TO ME.
=WHEW.= I UNDERSTAND BEING CAUTIOUS...
...BUT THE IRON DOMINION WAS TAKEN DOWN ALMOST A WEEK AGO.*
*LAST ISSUE.
AND I KNOW IT'S REALLY SUSPICIOUS THAT DR. ROBOTNIK AND SNIVELY HAVE BEEN MISSING SINCE THEN, BUT YOU WOULD THINK THEY WOULD HAVE ATTACKED BY NOW, RIGHT?
I'M WORRIED THAT YOU'RE TOO PREOCCUPIED WITH THIS...


DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME, MAN. IT'S JUST THAT EVERYONE ELSE SEEMS BUSY WITH *SOMETHING*, SO I DON'T WANT TO BE THE ONLY GUY DOING *NOTHING*, Y' KNOW?
THAT, AND I'M TIRED OF ALL THESE SURPRISE INVASIONS LATELY. ANYTHING YET, NICOLE?
NEGATIVE.
YEAH, WELL, SCAN HARDER OR SOMETHING.
WE'LL CHECK A FEW HALLWAYS AND THEN CALL IT QUITS.
THAT'S WHAT YOU SAID YESTERDAY...
...AND THE DAY BEFORE THAT, AND THE DAY BEFORE *THAT*...
EH-HEH-HEH-HEH...

THEY'RE GOING TO FIND US THIS TIME.
OH, NO. THEY AREN'T. THE VIDEO SURVEILLANCE IS RE-ROUTED SO MANY TIMES THEY'LL NEVER TRACE THE SIGNAL DOWN HERE.
ALL ACCESS FROM THE UPPER DECKS IS SEALED OFF, AND I LEFT NO CLUE OF WHAT'S DOWN HERE. THEY'LL KNOW OF US WHEN I *WANT* THEM TO KNOW!
AH. GOOD. TH-THEN MAYBE WE COULD USE THIS TIME TO MAKE A QUICK TRIP TO THE DRAGON KINGDOM AND...?
WE'RE NOT WASTING ANY OF *MY* TIME OR RESOURCES BUSTING *YOUR* GIRLFRIEND OUT OF JAIL! SHE HAD HER CHANCE, AND SHE BLEW IT!
YES, SIR...
NOW THEN, HOW IS OUR PATIENT?


OH, HER? THE FIRST ROUND OF EMERGENCY CYBERNETICS TOOK. SHE'S STABLE AND STILL UNCONSCIOUS.
LIEN-DA
GOOD! GOOD!
I DON'T KNOW WHY YOU BOTHERED TO SAVE HER. WE STILL HAVE PLENTY OF OTHERS IN THE DARK EGG LEGION, AND SHE CAN'T BE TRUSTED.
OH, I KNOW SHE CAN'T BE TRUSTED. NEITHER CAN YOU.
AND THAT'S WHAT MAKES THINGS FUN!
SPRONG
OW!
NOW BACK TO WORK! THERE'S BUILDING TO BE DONE!

STORMTOP VILLAGE--DRAGON KINGDOM.
I'VE GOT A LOT OF REBUILDING TO DO.
I HAVE TO REBUILD THE PEOPLE'S TRUST IN ME AS THEIR NEW KING. I HAVE TO MAINTAIN PEACE BETWEEN THE VARIOUS CLANS, AND I HAVE TO MAKE SURE THE IRON QUEEN STAYS LOCKED UP WHERE SHE IS.
AND THEN I NEED TO LOOK INTO THAT "OTHER KHANS" THING ESPIO MENTIONED...*
YOU CERTAINLY HAVE YOUR PLATE FULL.
*SEE SONIC UNIVERSE #s 13-16 FOR THE FULL STORY!
BUT I HAVE THE UTMOST CONFIDENCE YOU CAN DO IT.
OH, YEAH? WHY'S THAT?


WHEN WE FIRST MET, YOU WERE A SWAGGERING, OVER-BEARING HOT-HEAD. TODAY, YOU'RE A THOUGHTFUL, LOVING PERSON WHO'S LEARNING TO MASTER HIS TEMPER AND HAS LEARNED HUMILITY. YOU'VE GROWN UP A LOT SINCE WE FIRST MET.
WE'VE GROWN A LOT SINCE WE FIRST MET. YOU WOULDN'T EVEN GIVE ME THE TIME OF DAY THEN, BUT NOW...
NOW...
THESE PEOPLE NEED SOMEONE COMPASSIONATE, AND CAPABLE. I'VE STILL GOT A LOT TO LEARN. THEY COULD BENEFIT FROM A QUEEN OF THE FREE PEOPLE.
KEN...

IT IS A TEMPTING OFFER. VERY TEMPTING. BUT I HAVE REBUILDING OF MY OWN TO DO.
SONIC.
SONIC.
I ENDED THINGS POORLY BETWEEN US, AND I HAVE TO BE SURE THERE ISN'T SOMETHING THERE TO BE SALVAGED. I HAVE TO BE FAIR TO HIM. I NEED TO BE FAIR TO MYSELF.

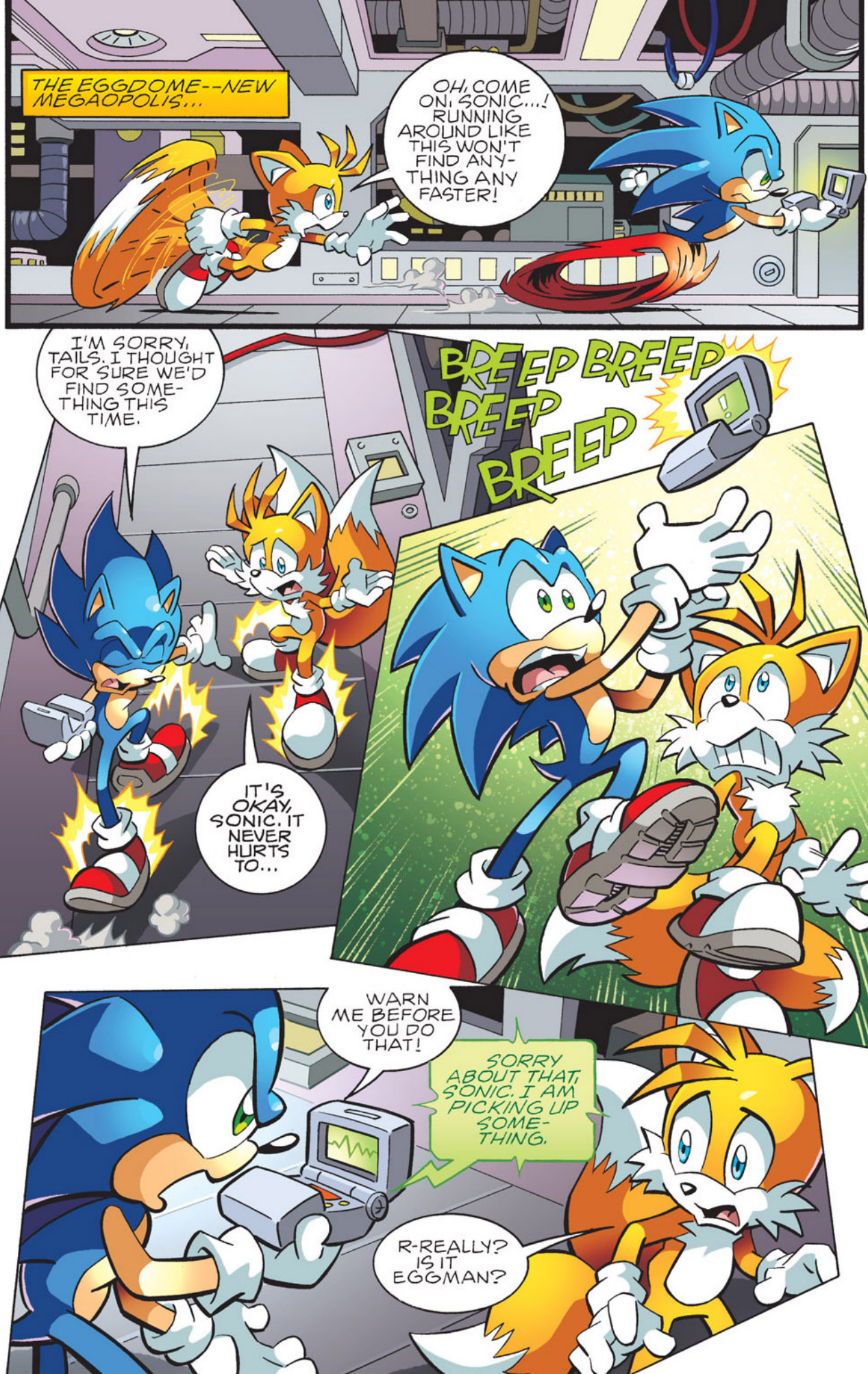
÷SNNNNNFFFFFFF÷
÷AHEM÷
I UNDERSTAND, AND I GUESS I APPRECIATE YOUR BEING UP FRONT WITH ME.
THANK YOU, KEN. THIS MEANS A LOT TO ME.
BUT WHEN HE SCREWS UP THIS CHANCE, YOU KNOW I'LL BE RIGHT HERE WAITING.
HAHAHA! STOP IT!
I'LL STAY JUST A BIT LONGER...
...BUT THEN I NEED TO GET BACK HOME...

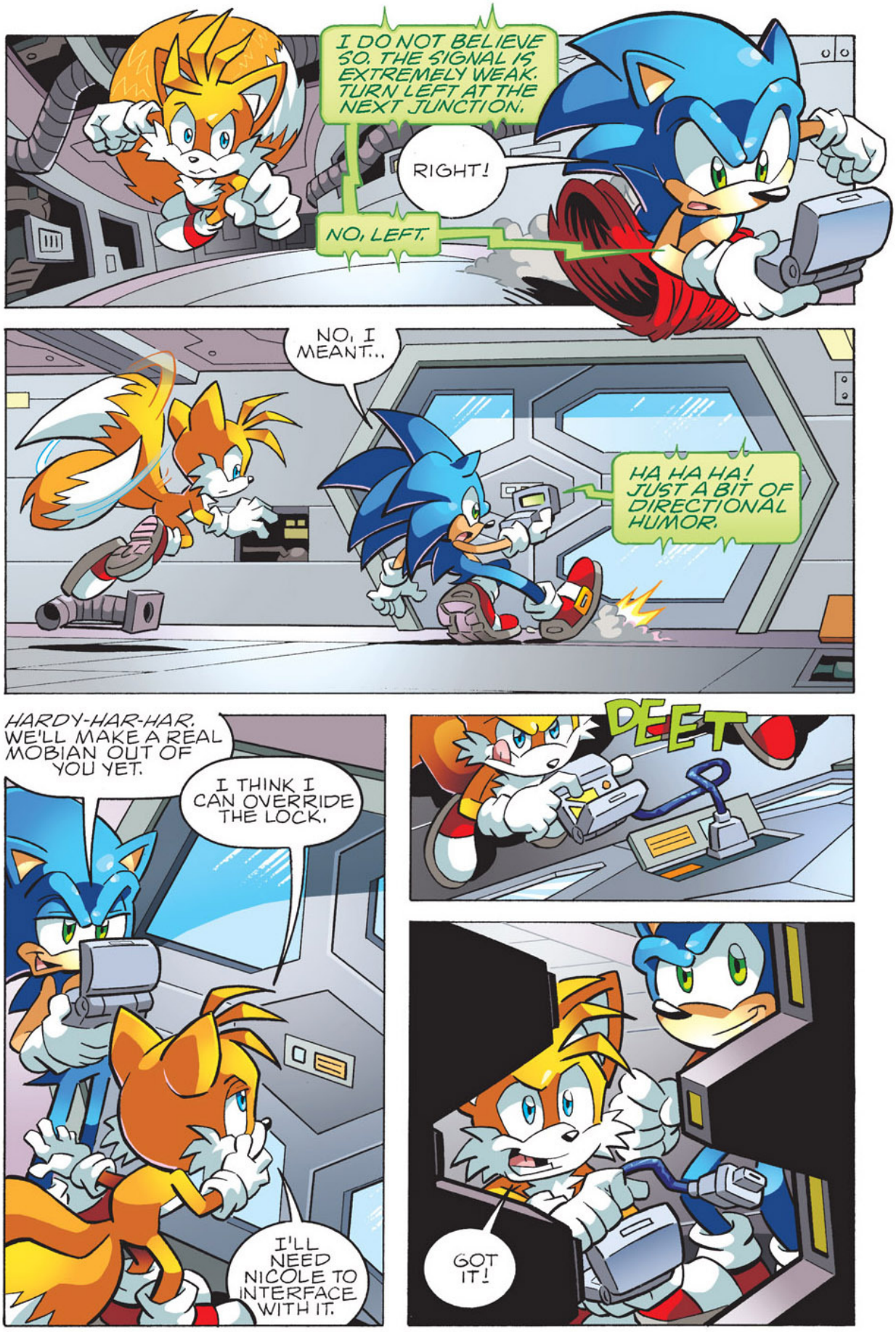
"...AND START THE REBUILDING THERE."
SHRINE ISLE--ANGEL ISLAND.
LISTEN UP, CHAOTIX.
IF WE'RE GOING TO WORK AS A TEAM, WE NEED TO TRUST EACH OTHER. THAT MEANS WE HAVE TO FORGIVE SOME THINGS THAT HAVE HAPPENED BETWEEN US...
...AND THAT MEANS NO MORE SECRETS.
AGREED. I HAVE GOTTEN CLEARANCE FROM THE BRIDE OF MY CLAN TO REVEAL ALL I KNOW OF EACH OF YOU--TO YOU.
FIRST OFF, IT WAS MY ORIGINAL DUTY TO MONITOR KNUCKLES AS THE GUARDIAN OF ANGEL ISLAND, JUST AS MY CLAN HAS BEEN MONITORING THE BROTHERHOOD OF GUARDIANS FOR MANY GENERATIONS.
IN THAT TIME, I'VE COME UPON INFORMATION ABOUT ALL OF YOU.
NICE TRY, ESPIO. BUT YOU'VE GOT NOTHING ON ME.

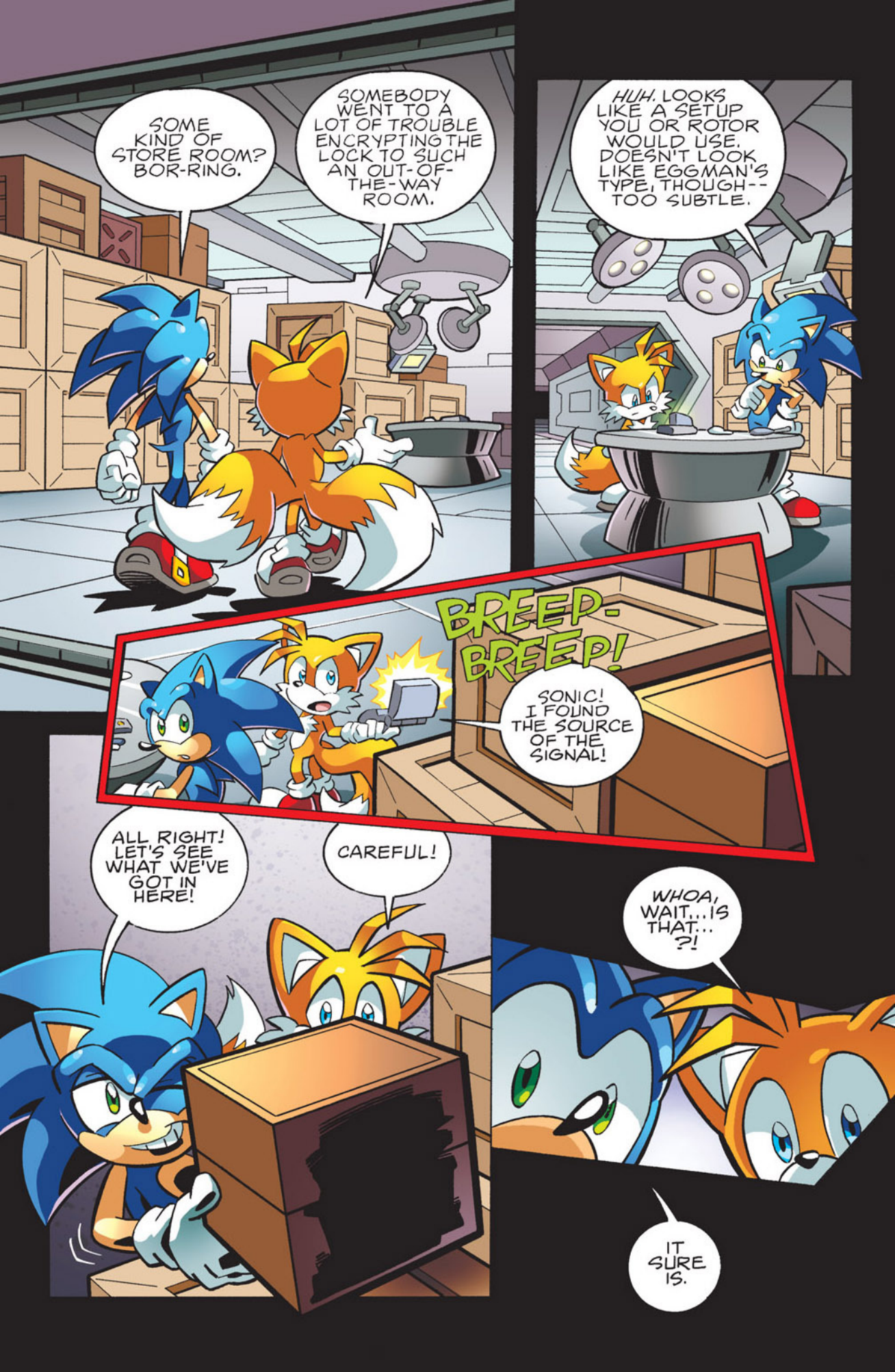
YOU WERE ORIGINALLY BORN AND RAISED IN DOWNUNDA. YOU ADOPTED AN OVER-BEARING "STREET LINGO" ACCENT TO HIDE YOUR ORIGINS.
CROIKY! I MEAN, DAG YO! I-I-I MEAN...!
SO YOU KNEW MY FAMILY WAS ALIVE. YOU KNEW ABOUT MY FOREFATHERS. YOU SPENT ALL THAT TIME AT MY SIDE WHILE I WAS LOOKING FOR ANSWERS AND SAID NOTHING.
NO...
I KNEW ABOUT THE EXISTENCE OF THE BROTHERHOOD, BUT I NEVER HAD ANY DETAILS. ALL I KNEW ABOUT WAS YOU.
BUT IF YOU HAD KNOWN, WOULD YOU HAVE TOLD HIM?
...IT ISN'T THAT SIMPLE...

ME NEXT! TELL ME SOMETHING ABOUT ME!
CHARMY...YOU WERE A PRINCE ONCE. DR. ROBOTNIK DESTROYED YOUR KINGDOM, AND HE NEARLY DESTROYED YOUR MIND WITH HIS EGG GRAPES.
OH, YEAH, RIGHT! I THINK I'D REMEMBER ALL THAT!
I THINK HE STILL NEEDS TIME.
...OF COURSE.
AW, GIVE HIM A BREAK, KNUCKLES. YOU KNOW HE'S ONE OF THE GOOD GUYS.

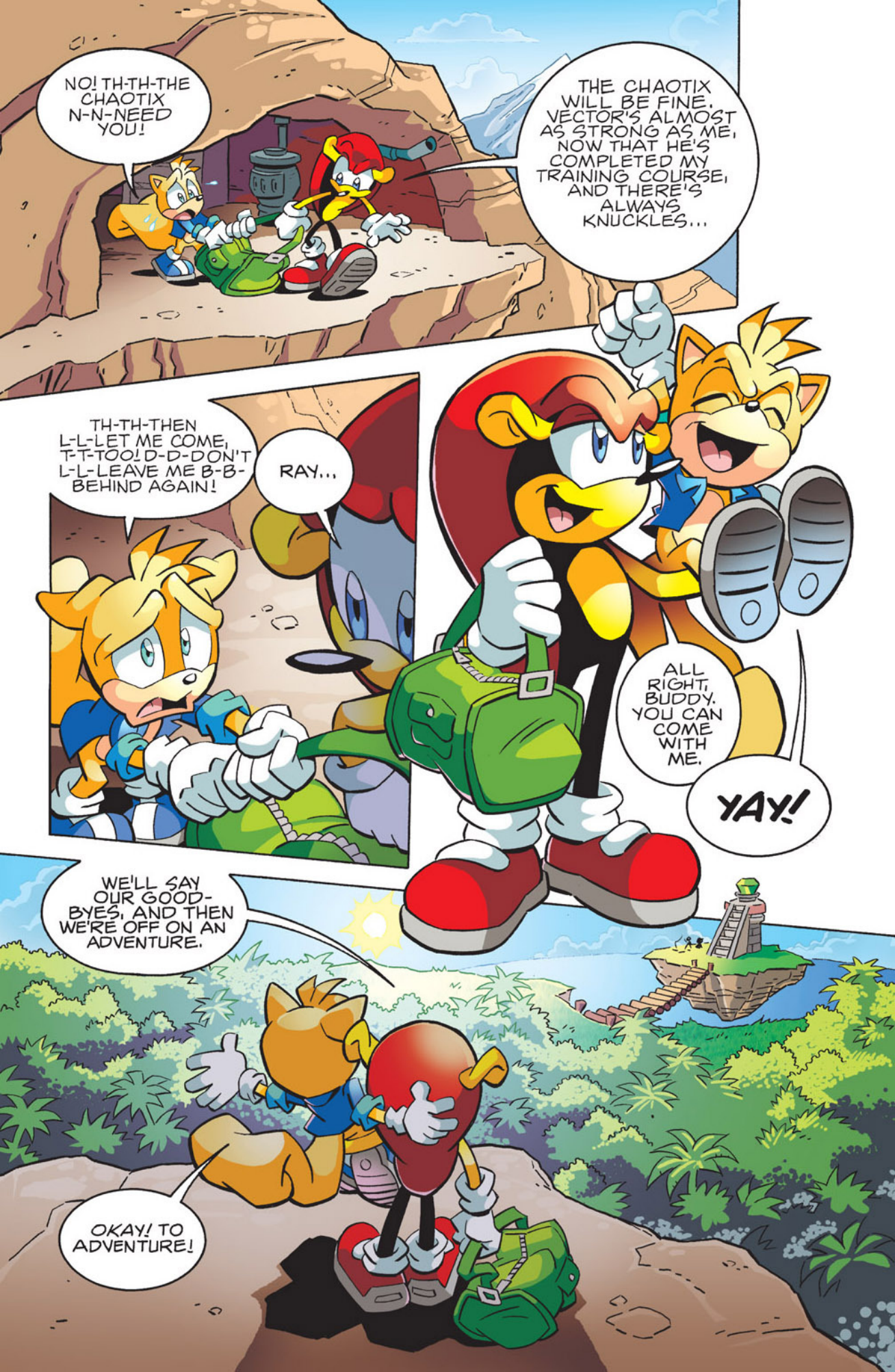
I MEAN, YOUR FAMILY KEPT THE SAME INFO FROM YOU, AND YOU FORGAVE THEM, RIGHT?
...YEAH. I DOUBT YOU WOULD BE SO FORGIVING IF HE'D BEEN KEEPING SOMETHING FROM YOU.
...ACTUALLY...
I'M PRETTY CERTAIN YOUR PARENTS ARE GONE, BUT EVIDENCE POINTS TO YOUR SISTER BEING ALIVE... AND PART OF A DARK EGG LEGION CHAPTER.
I'M SORRY.
I...I WANTED TO INVESTIGATE MORE BEFORE I SAID ANYTHING...


THE EGGDOME--NEW MEGAOPOLIS...
OH, COME ON, SONIC...! RUNNING AROUND LIKE THIS WON'T FIND ANY-THING ANY FASTER!
I'M SORRY, TAILS. I THOUGHT FOR SURE WE'D FIND SOME-THING THIS TIME.
IT'S OKAY, SONIC. IT NEVER HURTS TO...
BREEP BREEP BREEP BREEP
WARN ME BEFORE YOU DO THAT!
SORRY ABOUT THAT, SONIC. I AM PICKING UP SOME-THING.
R-REALLY? IS IT EGGMAN?


I DO NOT BELIEVE SO. THE SIGNAL IS EXTREMELY WEAK. TURN LEFT AT THE NEXT JUNCTION.
RIGHT!
NO, LEFT.
NO, I MEANT...
HA HA HA! JUST A BIT OF DIRECTIONAL HUMOR.
HARDY-HAR-HAR. WE'LL MAKE A REAL MOBIAN OUT OF YOU YET.
I THINK I CAN OVERRIDE THE LOCK.
I'LL NEED NICOLE TO INTERFACE WITH IT.
DEET
GOT IT!

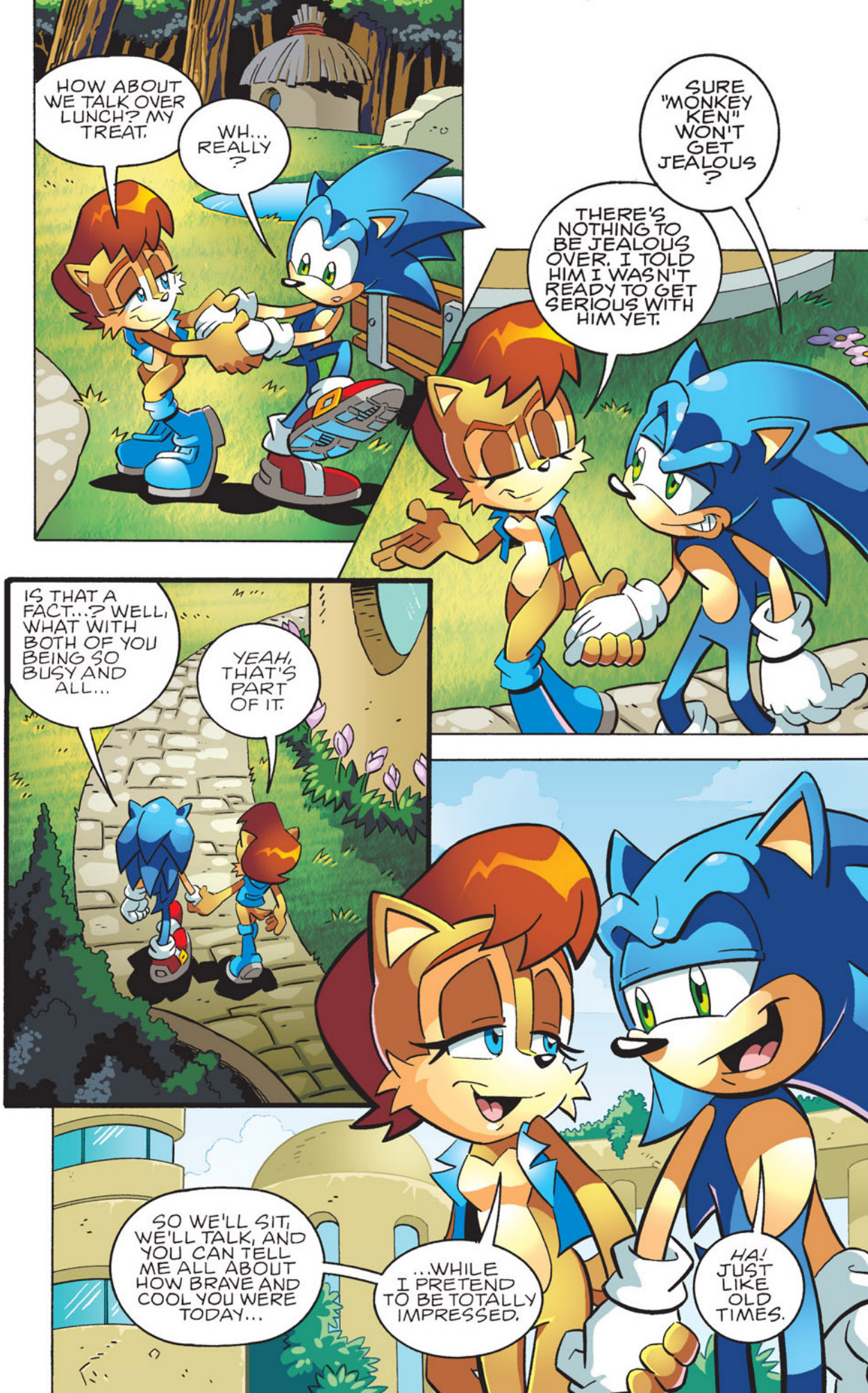

SOME KIND OF STORE ROOM? BOR-RING.
SOMEBODY WENT TO A LOT OF TROUBLE ENCRYPTING THE LOCK TO SUCH AN OUT-OF-THE-WAY ROOM.
HUH. LOOKS LIKE A SETUP YOU OR ROTOR WOULD USE. DOESN'T LOOK LIKE EGGMAN'S TYPE, THOUGH--TOO SUBTLE.
BREEP-BREEP!
SONIC! I FOUND THE SOURCE OF THE SIGNAL!
ALL RIGHT! LET'S SEE WHAT WE'VE GOT IN HERE!
CAREFUL!
WHOA, WAIT...IS THAT...?!
IT SURE IS.

"WAIT UNTIL KNUCKLES GETS A LOAD OF THIS."
ROCKY HILLS -- MORNING...
M-M-MIGHTY! WH-WH-WH...
UM... A-A-ARE Y-YOU M-M-M-M-M ...?
I'M NOT MAD. I'M NOT HAPPY, BUT I'M NOT MAD.
I CAN UNDERSTAND ESPIO NEEDING TO KEEP HIS SECRETS. I WISH HE HAD TOLD ME SOONER, BUT I'LL RESPECT HIS TRADITIONS.
TH-TH-THEN WHY...?
I HAVE TO FIND MY SISTER.


NO! TH-TH-THE CHAOTIX N-N-NEED YOU!
THE CHAOTIX WILL BE FINE. VECTOR'S ALMOST AS STRONG AS ME, NOW THAT HE'S COMPLETED MY TRAINING COURSE, AND THERE'S ALWAYS KNUCKLES...
TH-TH-THEN L-L-LET ME COME, T-T-TOO! D-D-DON'T L-L-LEAVE ME B-B-BEHIND AGAIN!
RAY...
ALL RIGHT, BUDDY. YOU CAN COME WITH ME.
YAY!
WE'LL SAY OUR GOOD-BYES, AND THEN WE'RE OFF ON AN ADVENTURE.
OKAY! TO ADVENTURE!

NEW MOBOTROPOLIS...
WELCOME HOME, SALLY.
OOF... THANKS, NICOLE. I FORGOT IT WAS DAY ON THIS SIDE OF THE WORLD.
I HOPE EVERYTHING IS GOING WELL IN THE DRAGON KINGDOM?
SO FAR, SO GOOD. I THINK THEY'RE IN CAPABLE HANDS.
I DO, TOO. IT'S NICE TO HAVE A HAPPY ENDING. WILL YOU BE RETURNING THE WARP RING TO KNUCKLES NOW?
IN A BIT, BUT FIRST, UM, IS SONIC...?
DID SOME-BODY SAY MY NAME?

IT WASN'T AN INVITATION TO SPOOK ME.
AS IF I EVER NEEDED ONE. HOW'S MONKEY-FUZZ?
KEN IS DOING FINE, THANK YOU.
GOOD. I WISH HIM LUCK. HE'S GONNA NEED IT.
EXCUSE ME, SONIC? HAS TAILS...?
HE'S OVER AT THE SCIENCE CENTER GIVING OUR NEW FRIEND AN EMERGENCY POWER-BOOST.
VERY GOOD. I'LL SEE IF I CAN LEND A HAND.
WAIT, WHAT? WHO?
CARE TO EXPLAIN WHAT HAPPENED WHILE I WAS AWAY?
SURE, BUT AFTER LUNCH. I AM ONE HUNGRY HEDGEHOG!


HOW ABOUT WE TALK OVER LUNCH? MY TREAT.
WH... REALLY?
SURE "MONKEY KEN" WON'T GET JEALOUS?
THERE'S NOTHING TO BE JEALOUS OVER. I TOLD HIM I WASN'T READY TO GET SERIOUS WITH HIM YET.
IS THAT A FACT...? WELL, WHAT WITH BOTH OF YOU BEING SO BUSY AND ALL...
YEAH, THAT'S PART OF IT.
SO WE'LL SIT, WE'LL TALK, AND YOU CAN TELL ME ALL ABOUT HOW BRAVE AND COOL YOU WERE TODAY...
...WHILE I PRETEND TO BE TOTALLY IMPRESSED.
HA! JUST LIKE OLD TIMES.

YEAH, JUST LIKE OLD TIMES.
THIS MAY BE THE END OF THE "IRON DOMINION," BUT BRAND NEW ADVENTURES ARE RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER!
COME BACK NEXT MONTH AS SONIC AND SALLY HEAD SOUTH TO MEET THE "REIGNING CATS AND DOGS." AND DON'T MISS MORE SONIC ACTION IN
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SONIC-GRAMS FAN ART

"TEAM SONIC/SALLY" EDITION!

In Sonic #210, we asked you, the fans, to tell us who you thought Sally should end up with: Sonic or Monkey Khan! Well, fans of Sonic & Sally went to work and sent us a TON of shiny new fan art! So as a special feature this month, please enjoy all the awesome "TEAM SONIC/SALLY" drawings!

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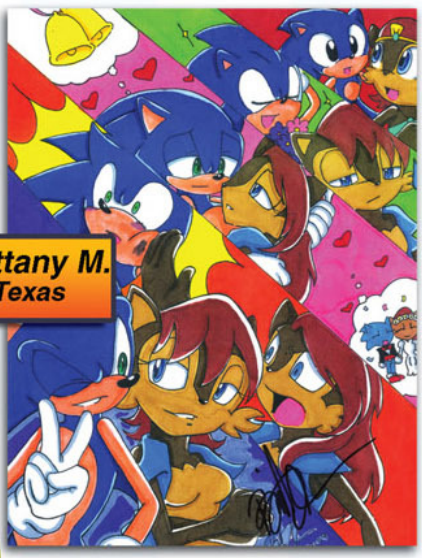

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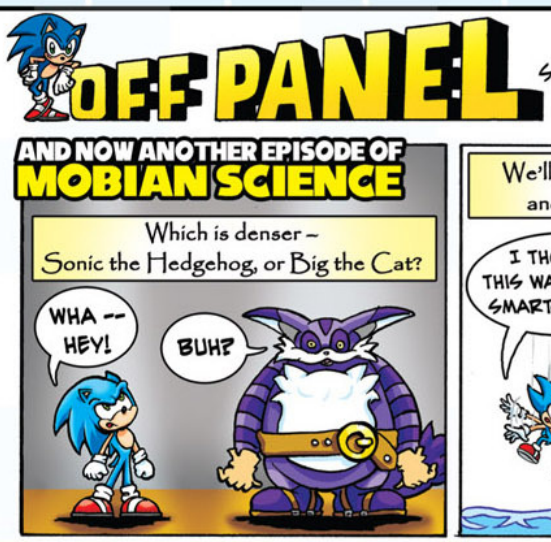

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